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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, WE CONTACTED MR. SEVCIK, CHIEF, CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE IN BRNO, CONCERNING MISSING TWO CASES OF A-2 SYSTEM. SEVCIK CONFIRMED AGAIN WHAT FARRAND TOLD BODSON ON PHONE THAT ROGAL OF GLAHE HAD PERSONALLY ADVISED HIM (SEVCIK) THAT HE (ROGAL) HAD NO FURTHER NEED OF SUBJECT CASES BECAUSE THEY WERE "REDUFDANT" AND THAT THEY COULD BE DISPOSED OF IN ANY MANNER SEVCIK THOUGHT BEST. SEVCIK EMPHASIZED THAT ROGAL HAD MADE CLEAR HE WAS SPEAKING ONLY FOR HIMSELF, NOT FOR GLAHE OR USATECH. AT ANY RATE, TWO CASES IN QUESTION " NO LONGER EXIST" IN BRNO CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE, AIRORDING TO SEVCIK.

2. A CHECK WITH BRNO FAIR AUTHORITIES (CELECHOVSKY) AS YTO POSSIBILITY THAHPCASES MIGHT BE STORED BY CHANCE IN FAIR WAREHOUSES ALSO ELICITED NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING VERACITY OF EXPLANATION
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GIVEN BY BRNO CUSTOMS CHIEF REGARDING ROGAL'S ALLEGED

INSTRUCTIONS TO HIM CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF CASES, NOR HAVE WE TRIED TO CONFER WITH LATTER BY PHONE GIVEN LANGUAGE BARRIER AND TIME REQUIRED TO GET CALL THRMZGH TO MANNHEIM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROGAL HAS PROVIDED DIFFERENT EXPLANATION TO USEWTD0 AND SUGGEST THAT OFFICE CONTACT GLAHE (ROGAL) ONCE MORE FOR CLARIFICATION. AS EXPLAINED ON PHONE TO BODSON, WE ARE VERY DOUBTFUL THAT CASED WILL BE LOCATABLE IN TIME FOR USE AT LEIPZIG FAIR, IF EVER.

4. BY THE WAY, CECHOFRACHT (BRNO) INFORMS US THAT SHIPMENT OF COMPLETE A-2 SYSTEM CONSISTING OF THIRTEEN CASES -- TWO OF WHICH DUPLICATED CASES WHICH ARE NOW LOST -- WAS MADE BY KARL PRIOR SPEDITION FREIGHT FORWARDERS; AMWALL 177, 28 BREMEN 1 FRG, NOT BY MILITZER MUNCH NOR BY DANZAS.

5. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE WHATEVER FURTHER ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED IN THIS MATTER, IF ANY. PLEASE ADVISE.

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